## NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE PROMULGATION

AGENCY:

Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.03 QQ, Closed Area No. 17-E, Basin, Ash and Stover Coves, Harpswell, is promulgated.

TEXT OF RULE: DMR Regulation 95.03 QQ, Closed Area No. 17-E, Basin, Ash and Stover Coves, Harpswell.

- Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, 1) quahogs, oysters and mussels from all shores, flats and waters of Basin Cove, Harpswell, from May 1 through September 30, north of a line beginning at the end of Bufflehead Lane on the west shore of Basin Cove, then extending southeast to the marina landing on the east shore.
- 2) Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from all shores, flats and waters of Ash Cove, Harpswell, from May 1 through September 30, north of a line beginning at Ash Point, then extending to the south end of the causeway in South Harpswell (approximately 3800 feet north of Potts Point by Estes Restaurant).
- 3) Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from all shores, flats and waters of Stover Cove, Harpswell, from May 1 through September 30, west of a line beginning at Stover Point, then extending northwest to the first dock south of Fire House Road in West Harpswell.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 29, 2004

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## STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources promulgates the emergency DMR Regulation 95.03 QQ, Closed Area No. 17-E, Basin, Ash and Stover Coves, Harpswell. This new regulation describes the three seasonal closures at Basin, Ash and Stover Coves, which were previously described in Closed Area No. 18. This is an administrative change.

The closed areas are subject to microbiological pollution from seasonal non-point sources, which pose a threat to public health.

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C17-E Basin, Ash and Stover Coves, Harpswell

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